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Monday Night, March 8, 1971 — 8:00 P.M.
Election of Officers — New Bern Lodge of Perfection No. 6

— Refreshments —

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March 8th—
Regular Meeting — New Bern Lodge of Perfection No. 6

March 26th—
Greenville Ladies' Night Party

March 26th—
Havelock-Cherry Point Ladies' Night Party

March 30th—
Onslow-LeJeune Ladies' Night Party

March 31st
Fort Bragg Ladies' Night Party

April 2nd—
Hertford Scottish Rite Party

April 3rd—
Beaufort-Morehead City Ladies' Night Party

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APRIL 13, 14 and 15

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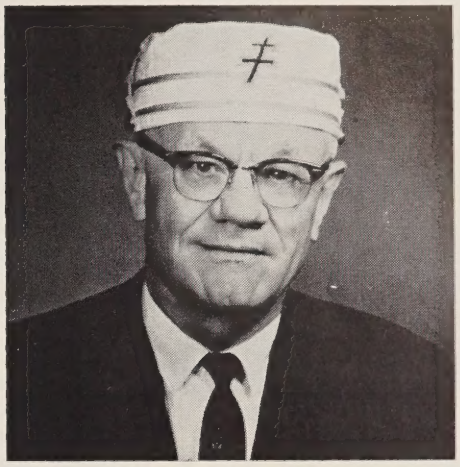

R. L. PUGH, 33°

Dear Brethren:

The time for the Spring Reunion of our Immortality Class is rapidly drawing near and by the time this issue of the BAGPIPE has reached your hands we will have less than six weeks to continue our efforts to the end that our class of candidates for this Reunion will be worthy of the good Brother whom we plan to honor at this time.

The Reunion dates —April 13, 14 and 15, should serve as a challenge to us and we need desperately to perfect our plans as rapidly as possible. Parties have already been held in some areas of our jurisdiction and still other parties are yet to be held. Interest is very good and enthusiasm is high.

In another section of this issue your attention is directed to one of the finest examples of interest and enthusiasm that we have seen in a long time. Brother Judson L. Harris received his 32° during the November Reunion of 1970; in other words our last Reunion. At that time he was living in Elizabeth City, but was employed in the Civil Service and was subsequently transferred to the U. S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He had no sooner arrived at his new destination before he began to solicit additional candidates for the Scottish Rite, and, believe it or not, about ten days ago we received in one mail from him eight (8) petitions from his fellow employees and military personnel associated with the Base at Guantanamo Bay. These are all eligible for membership with us and we are thrilled to be able to join Brother Harris's example of interest and enthusiasm.

We are also happy to report that Brother Dick Lucas, 33°, whom we plan to honor during our forthcoming Reunion has now returned to his home in Plymouth, N. C. and is recuperating successfully from his operation. This is good news, indeed and we sincerely trust that his condition will continue to improve so that he will be as hale and hearty as ever to enjoy the festivities of the Reunion.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

R. L. Pugh

Robert L. Pugh, 33°
Secretary

N. DONALD BELL POTENTATE

N. DONALD BELL

N. Donald Bell was born in Wayne County and was educated in the Mount Olive public schools. He married the former Bessie Barham in 1939 and they have five children Hannah, Webber, Donald, Jr., Langhorne, and Joe.

From 1933 until 1947 he was associated with Belk-Tyler Co., Sinclair Oil Refining Corp., Thompson and Wooten Oil Company, The Army Exchange Service and Quaker State Oil Corporation. Potentate Bell is owner and manager of Dillon-Bell Implement Company of which he was part owner and manager until 1964. He then purchased all outstanding stock in the company. He and his family are members of St. Paul Methodist Church in Goldsboro of which he has been a member since 1933. Prior to that time, he was a member of Smith's Chapel Methodist Church.

He was raised in Goldsboro Lodge No. 634 in 1947. His other Masonic memberships include Goldsboro Chapter No. 29, Goldsboro Council No. 33, Roanoke Council No. 1, Goldsboro Commandery No. 26 Knights Templar, Council of Super Excellent Master, Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests, Order of the Eastern Star, 32 Degree Scottish Rite Mason and Royal Order of Jesters. He is presently Grand Generalissimo of The Grand Commandery of N. C., King in Goldsboro Chapter and Conductor of Goldsboro Council.

Potentate Bell was initiated in the Shrine May 1947 and became a member of Sudan Temple's Wrecking Crew January 1949 and served until January 1962 when he was appointed Outer Guard of Sudan Temple.

He has been active in many civic activities. He was Scout Master of Troop 13 and Troop 6, Director of Tuscarora Council, a Past President of Goldsboro Golf Club, serving now as a Director of the Club, Past Director of Carolinas Farm Equipment Dealers Association, served as President of Sleepy Creek during the building of the pond and club house, served as Campaign Chairman of American Cancer Society and a Past President of Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce.

Bell has been commissioned a Kentucky Colonel and is a member of Goldsboro Elks Lodge.

The highest award that can come to a man is the good esteem and respect of his brethren. That esteem cannot be purchased or artificially created. It was in recognition of the esteem held for the Potentate, his outstanding achievements as a man and a Mason and his significant contributions to the Shrine that he was elected on January 23, 1971 to serve as Potentate of Sudan Temple.

GUANTANAMO BAY CRASHES THROUGH!!

Brother Judson Leon Harris, 32°, Civil Service employee, took the degrees of the Scottish Rite during our Reunion last November 1970. A short while later he was transferred to the U. S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and he proceeded immediately to deliver the story of the Scottish Rite to other eligible Master Masons with whom he was associated. Last week he mailed us eight (8) petitions from his fellow employees who plan to be with us for our Spring Reunion, April 13, 14 and 15 and he is now proceeding to sign up additional petitions. This enthusiasm on the part of Brother Harris is one of the most commendable examples of the Master's comment: "Go and tell", that we have seen in a long time and we are confident it will aspire others to "Go and do likewise".

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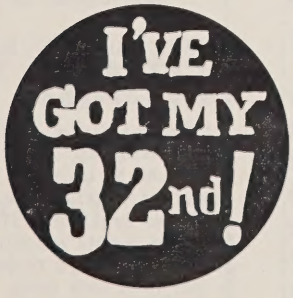

IMMORTALITY CLASS

4°-14°
TUESDAY, APRIL 13

15°-29°
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

30°-32°
THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Maundy Thursday

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New Bern Chapter Knights Rose Croix No. 5

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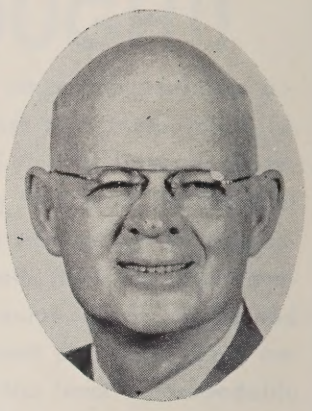

Wilmer C. Chesson, 32°

Maundy Thursday

April 8, 1971 — 8:00 P.M.

TENEBRAE

"It is the hour when the veil of the Temple was rent in twain; when darkness reigned and consternation oppressed all the earth when the Flaming Star was eclipsed and the shadow overcame the Light when the Columns, and Working Tools of the old Masonry were shattered, and when the Cubical Stone sweated water and blood the instant when the Word was lost."

Call of Chapter—To Labor
Edward C. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Wise Master, Presiding

Prayer ..... W. L. Adams, 33°

Remarks

"Calvary"

Address ..... Wilmer C. Chesson, 32°

Call of Chapter—To Refreshment

Mystic Banquet

Ceremony of Extinguishing the Lights

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Easter Sunday

April 11, 1971 — 7:30 A.M.

BREAKFAST

LUX TENEBRIS

"THE MOMENT when the word was received; when the Cubical Stone was changed into the Mystic Rose; when the Blazing Star re-appeared in all its splendor, the Columns of the Temple were re-established and the Working Tools of Masonry were restored; when the True Light dispelled the Darkness, and the New Law began to rule upon the earth."

Call of Chapter—To Labor
Edward C. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Wise Master, Presiding

Call of Chapter—To Refreshment

Mystic Banquet

Ceremony of Relighting the Lights

Benediction

Officers New Bern Chapter Rose Croix No. 5

C. W. Heath, 32° ..... Wise Master
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Maundy Thursday and Easter Ritualistic Team

Edward C. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Wise Master
Alvia Hearren, 32° ..... Senior Warden
William E. Blair, 32° ..... Junior Warden
W. L. Adams, 33°, ... Chaplain
James E. Blaylock, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Ceremonies
Oscar J. Aldridge, 32° ..... Expert
L. T. Barrington, 32°, K.C.C.H., Ass't. Expert
H. W. Gillikin, 32°, K.C.C.H. Guardian of Temple
Robert L. Pugh, 33°, ... Recorder

"The meetings of Maundy-Thursday and Easter Sunday, are indispensable. Even if a Knight be alone in a place, he must, in spirit at least, meet on the former day with his brethren. If a brother be traveling and meets another on the road, they are obliged to go to some convenient place to perform this duty. If two Knights live within twenty miles of each other they must meet and celebrate the mystic supper."

Bagpipe Skirls

Dear Brethren,

You will never be sorry
for thinking before acting,
for hearing before judging,
for forgiving your enemies,

for being candid and frank,
for helping a fallen brother,
for being honest in business,
for thinking before speaking,
for being loyal to your church,
for standing by your principles,
for stopping your ears to gossip,
for bridling a slanderous tongue,
for harboring only pure thoughts,
for sympathizing with the afflicted,
for being courteous and kind to all.

You will find, as you look back upon your life, that the moments that stand out are the moments when you have done things for others.

A farmer fell and broke his hip while he was plowing and his horse galloped five miles to the nearest town and returned carrying a doctor on his back.

"Pretty smart horse," a friend observed later.

"Well, not really so smart," the farmer said. "The doctor he brought back was his horse doctor."

"So you're not bothered any more with relatives coming and staying?" asked Jim.

"No," answered Tom with satisfaction. "I borrow from the rich ones and lend it to the poor ones, and none of them come back."

All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action.

Beauty is God's handwriting.

Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.

Better keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see the world.

An exasperated mother, after trying several times to get her daughter to hang up the phone and to clean up her room, finally got results by threatening, "Get moving now, or I'll let down all your hems!"

Wintertime is the time when it's too cold to do the chores around the house that your wife wanted done when it was too hot to do last summer.

There are two types of people who say very little; the quiet ones and the gabby ones.

It's pretty hard to tell what does bring happiness. Poverty and wealth have both failed.

A mother was preparing for dinner guests one evening, so she reminded her child to say her prayers before she got into bed.

The next morning the mother asked, "Did you remember to say your prayers last night?"

"Well," the little one explained, "I got down on my knees and started to say them and all of a sudden I thought, 'I bet God gets tired of hearing the same old prayers over and over.' So I crawled into bed and told Him the story of the three bears."

A man who was hauled into court for non-support explained to the judge, "I was hoping her father would repossess her."

Now, Brethren, here's a little closing note. How much do we really appreciate—

THE EXTRAVAGANCE OF GOD

More sky than man can see,
More seas then he can sail,
More sun than he can bear to watch,
More stars than he can scale.
More breath than he can breathe,
More yield than he can sow,
More grace than he can comprehend,
More love than he can know.

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCOTTISH RITE REUNION

APRIL 13, 14 and 15, 1971

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Asst. Directors, N. M. Baxter, 32°, K.C.C.H., and Nelson Banks, 32°, K.C.C.H.
Class Lecturer, E. P. Blair, 33°
Stage Director, A. A. Kafer, Jr., 33°
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Marshal, T. G. Slate, 33°
Asst. Marshal, Leslie L. Parker, 32°, K.C.C.H.
Director of Dining Room, Paul V. Vogan, 32°, K.C.C.H.

REUNION ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, April 13, 1971

10:00 A.M.— 4°—Secret Master. Charles T. Potter, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by M. D. Opphile, H. L. Lundy, J. E. Lewis and Pete McSorley.

10:45 A.M.— 5°—Perfect Master. Ben F. Gillikin, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. W. Guptil, J. G. McDaniel, Dewey Gillikin, L. T. Barrington, H. L. Lundy, J. E. Blaylock, Andrew Murphy, Pete McSorley, Bill Stovall, Johnny West and T. H. Miller.

11:45 A.M.— 6°—Confidential Secretary. W. J. Rogers, Master of Degree. Assisted by Chas. P. Gaskins, Paul Jewett and Leslie H. Garner.

12:15 P.M.— 7°—Provost and Judge. W. I. Gause, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by L. Guy Matthis, B. L. Parker, M. D. Opphille, R. L. Pugh and Bill Stovall.

1:00 P.M. —Luncheon.

2:15 P.M.— 8°—Intendant of Building. Earl Noe, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. F. Lewis, S. C. Chadwick, Jr., Dallas Willis, Odell Merrill and W. J. Ipock, Jr.

3:00 P.M.— 9°—Elu of Nine. Charles T. Potter, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by James B. Davis, L. Guy Matthis, M. D. Opphile, B. F. Gillikin, H. J. MacDonald, H. W. Gillikin, Guy Langston, L. T. Barrington, Robert Ray Harrison, Coy Wetherington, J. G. McDaniel, Elijah Cannon and Pete McSorley.

4:00 P.M.—10°—Elu of Fifteen. C. W. Guptil, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Bill Blair, Neil Vester, Miller Basnight, J. L. Ashley, A. F. Wood, Jerry T. Whitford, H. C. Lilly and Garland E. Taylor.

4:45 P.M.—11°—Elu of Twelve. Charles H. Whedbee, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Paul Jewett, Clyde Stubbs, Neil Vester, Miller Basnight, William C. Kellum and Marshal Harvey.
12°—Communicated.

5:45 P.M.—13°—Royal Arch of Solomon. Bill Blair, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Richard H. Lucas, Jack G. White, Raymond Leggett, E. P. Blair and Johnny West.

Program Scottish Rite Reunion (Cont.)

6:30 P.M. —Dinner.
7:30 P.M.—14°—Perfect Elu. Louis N. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by B. F. Gillikin, Nelson Banks, Wm. R. Waters, C. W. Guptil, James E. Blaylock, W. E. Gardner, Andrew Murphy, Howard B. Constant, Jack Edwards and Johnny West.

Wednesday, April 14, 1971

9:15 A.M.—15°—Knight of the East. G. C. Langston, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by A. T. Willis, Jr., Raymond Leggett, Chas. T. Potter, O. J. Aldridge, C. Wallace Jackson, N. M. Baxter, Dusty Rhodes, Richard P. Geary, Lee Gearhart and Tom McCree.
16°—Communicated.

11:15 A.M.—17°—Knight of the East and West. Nelson Banks, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Ashley G. Leggett, Harry L. Mann, Raymond Leggett, Harold Sawyer, Edward Ray Edwards and S. Jack Tripp.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:15 P.M.—18°—Knight of Rose Croix. A. T. Willis, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by S. A. McPherson, Jr., R. L. Pugh, Eddie Paul, Jr. and Wm. R. Waters.
19°—Communicated.

3:30 P.M.—20°—Master of Symbolic Lodge. William C. Hammond, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by D. L. McRainey, R. V. McBryde, Alex Arab, William P. Jackson, Norris M. Vallandingham, Warren H. Coolidge, Clifford C. Duell and William Oliver.

4:45 P.M.—21°—Noachite or Prussian Knight. John G. Ormsby, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Kermit Guthrie, R. L. Pugh, W. H. Scott, Guy C. Langston, C. T. Potter, Johnny West, Marshall Harvey and Oscar Aldridge.
22°—
23°—
Communicated.
24°—
25°—

5:30 P.M.—26°—Prince of Mercy. Reynold S. Davenport, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. C. Vail, G. E. Roberts, Louie J. Smith, Charles W. Summerlin, P. T. Lancaster, Angus D. Hatsell and Frank A. Smith.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. Dick Lucas Night.

7:30 P.M.—27°—Knight Commander of the Temple. E. W. Paul, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Neil Vester, J. D. Reese, A. N. Heath, W. H. Purser, E. P. Blair, Oscar Sermons, W. R. Newell, O. J. Aldridge, A. T. Willis, Jr., Gly C. Langston, Raymond Leggett, W. H. Scott and Bill Stovall.
28°—Communicated.

8:45 P.M.—29°—Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. Francis W. Clark, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Clinton E. Bunch, Samuel A. McPherson, Jr., Cosby S. Jones, Walter T. Kirby, Wilborne M. Smith, Irvin Weatherly, W. T. Hawkins, L. T. Barrington, Everett Brothers, Carlice Williams, Theron Dabbs and Wilton Walker, Jr.

Thursday, April 15, 1971

9:30 A.M.—30°—Knight Kadosh.
1st Apartment: Walter Kirby, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Francis W. Clark.
2nd Apartment: Clifton Matthews, 32°, Master. Assisted by Cecil T. Boyette and Mark Ellis.
3rd Apartment: Dennis Boyette, Master. Assisted by E. S. Sasser, T. Bruce Boyette, Cecil Boyette, Clifton Matthews, Mark L. Ellis and Walter Lamm.
4th Apartment: Carl Aycock, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Claude A. Anthony and Herman L. Barnes.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:30 P.M.—31°—Inspector Inquisitor. L. T. Barrington, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Francis W. Clark, C. Wallace Jackson, B. F. Gillikin, A. N. Heath, Reynold S. Davenport, Eddie Paul, Jr., Chas. T. Potter, V. J. Spivey, Warren H. Coolidge, W. C. Hammond, Johnny West and Oscar Aldridge.

3:30 P.M.—32°—Master of Royal Secret. Wm. R. Leggett, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Donald Hinds, Lee Dorsey, Kirby Hawkins, Jimmy Rochelle, Johnnie Braxton, R. L. Pugh, R. D. Shinkle, John D. Charlton, Amos Leggett, Robert Dawson, Carol Mercer, Wiley Hill, Marvin Kornegay and Ronald C. Wall.

5:45 P.M. —Banquet closing Reunion. The Grand Master's Night.

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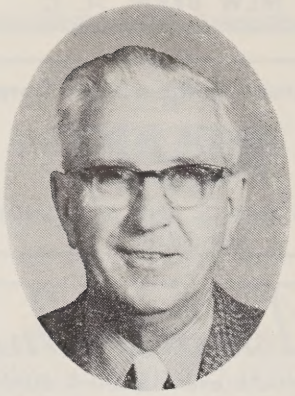

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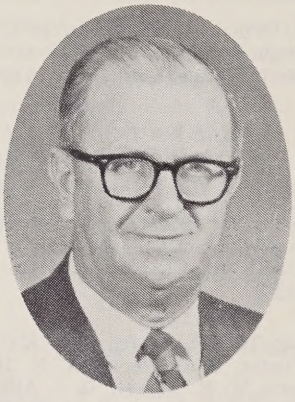

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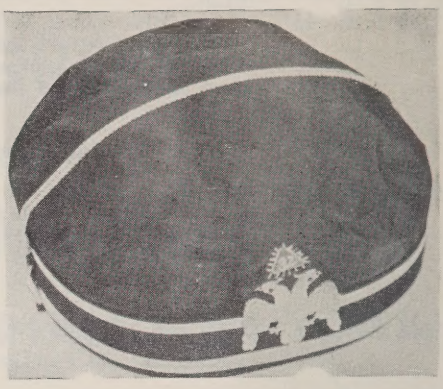

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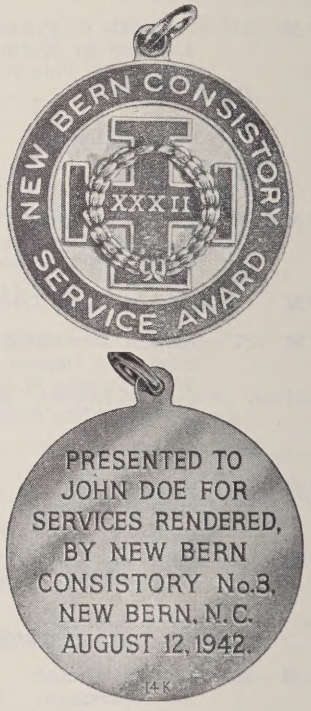

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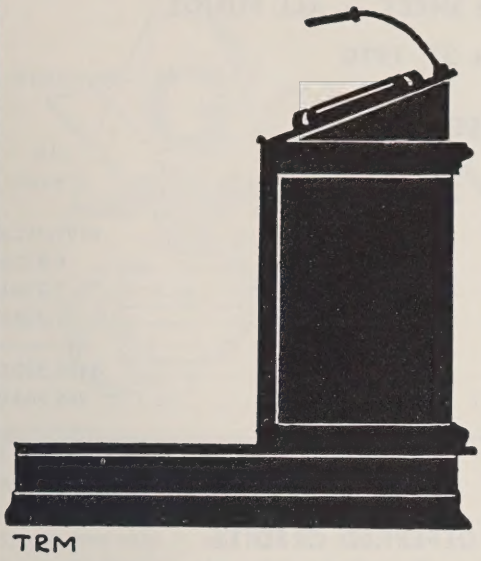

From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

WHAT IS SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY

Sometimes it is difficult to define something in terms of itself. However, there are a few observations I have made concerning Scottish Rite Masonry down through the years that seem to set it apart from all other Movements.

Outside of the Home, a Mother's love, and our Church, there is nothing more beautiful than the spirit of our Movement. Surely, there is no Movement in which so much good can be accomplished by an individual. Gentle, gracious and wise its greatest mission is to form mankind into a great Brotherhood — a league of Noble and Free Men joined together in the cause of working out the Salvation of the human race. With touching scenes, pictures and words it appeals to the basic intellect of man to be tolerant and forgiving; surely, this is the road to Peace and Neighborliness. Scottish Masonry also appeals to the intellect by reaching out for our faith to enlist it in a yearning for liberty and freedom. Scottish Masonry helps us to think, to see the more hopeful side of life. Its appeal is more eloquent than all others to the heart and soul of a man, out of which comes the issues of life.

Scottish Masonry is friendship on the top bracket. The happiest moments of my life have been spent in the fellowship of our Brethren with the exception of my own family and those with whom I work in my chosen vocation of public education. Our Movement teaches us to be friends with all men, no matter how they may differ from the rest of us in nationality or creed. My friends, there is nothing that can bring us closer to the Creator Himself than to be with His Disciples here on earth. One can find in Scottish Masonry an abundance of these stalwart men. Is there anything better than this, that the best of men can hope to do? Is it not worth the time, the care and labor that we use to make this ideal one of our main objectives in life?

Scottish Masonry is not a mere sentiment of one's sympathy; its roots are grounded in a Philosophy that exalts the very highest in Liberty, Tolerance, Patriotism, Loyalty and Religion. It surely stems from the oldest and most widely spread Movement known to man, other than the beliefs of the Master Himself.

Scottish Masonry gives the inquiring seeker after Lights, the Lights for which he has been seeking. We meet at its altar as man to man on the same degree

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of equality without fear, without pretense and without reproach. It is not a playground but rather it is a thinking ground where you come to grips with yourself; where you ask yourself some soul searching questions such as, "Why am I here?", Where am I going?", and "How shall I conduct myself while here?" — we need to think on these things, My Brethren.

Its simple faith is dedicated to the highest of moral ideals. We need to subdue the evil that would rise within us and to let the purposes for which we were created shine before men. Surely, there must be a purpose for our existence. We were not supposed to simply exist as a burden on society and then pass on into oblivion. It has been said that, "A gentleman is a man who puts more into life than he takes out of it." Thus, we can all be gentlemen.

I cannot adequately define Scottish Masonry even after 25 years of active service in it, but I can say this; it is livable, it is lovable, and it is constantly looking towards the Divine Creator towards which all of us are steadily moving. "I can recommend it to all without hesitation, mental reservation, or secret evasion of mind." I know, too, that when Scottish Masonry shall have sway over the actions of men, our Society will be a vast communion of friendly fellowship; business will be like a system of service; the home will be more holy than ever before; injustice, intolerance, bigotry and vice will no longer defile and defame humanity; every tyranny will fall; every bastille will crumble into dust; and man will be unfettered in mind and soul to walk in the light which forever will illuminate our pathway.

This, my Brethren, is Scottish Masonry and this is why I endorse it to you. You cannot find the climax in the first three degrees. It is inconceivable that all of Masonry could be pressed into three separate lessons, as beautiful as they are. Yes, *there must be more*, and I find it a privilege and a pleasure to point the way to Scottish Masonry.

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CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash and Bonds (Schedule 1)	$108,942.83
Receivables	6,972.51
Inventory	2,373.65
Prepaid Insurance	1,950.56
Total Current Assets	$120,239.55
CAPITAL ASSETS: (Net of Depreciation)	368,900.60
Total Assets	$489,140.15

LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED CREDITS

Payroll Taxes	$ 697.73
Accounts Payable	5,508.64
Dues Paid in Advance	38,810.00
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DOWN ONSLOW WAY

By

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

Apollo 14 preempted Mary Frances' favorite noontime TV program the other day and she said it was bad enough that they were shooting all our tax money off into space, but it was adding insult to injury when they interferred with her TV viewing. She wondered when we might put some men on Mars and I guessed it probably wouldn't be in our lifetime. She said she'd just as soon not live to see it if it meant they'd be televising it night and day. She sets great store by certain programs and it would really take some big doings for her to give 'em up gracefully.

I can't say too much about it, though, because I've got two or three programs of my own that I sort of count on seeing and I don't appreciate it when they're shoved aside for something somebody has decided I'd be better off looking at.

The other night I got all cocked and primed to watch one of my programs and, bless Pat, they had stuck one of those "specials" in that time slot. Well, I was already sitting there and I figured I'd see what was so special, but I never did. They started off with three people sitting on some stools exchanging compliments that were neither deserved nor interesting. This sitting around on stools never has done much for me, anyhow. I can't find any comfort in it when I do it and it sure doesn't entertain me any to watch somebody else do it and I can't figure why these TV folks hold it so lovingly. They must know something about stool-sitting that I don't.

After about five or six minutes of general inanities the guy on the center stool (it was his "special") said they'd stop and pay their respects to the sponsor, then they'd be right back with something real hot, or words to that effect. The sponsor got in some real hard licks, lied all over the place about everything he'd ever manufactured, then turned it over to another sponsor who took his turn assuming that all TV viewers are somewhere below the rank of idiot. Between them they used up about four minutes and most of my patience.

Then they switched back to the stool perchers and the one in the middle introduced this individual who he said was the greatest singer ever to come down the pike and who he said was going to so overwhelm us with his virtuosity that nothing short of Gabriel's horn would ever sound musical to us in the future. So this individual came mincing out on the stage all decked out in long hair and unbelievable clothes and he got right in front of the mike and hollered. There isn't any other way to describe what he did — he just plain hollered. He rolled his eyes and tossed his hair and threw his joints out of kilter and hollered like it was the most satisfaction he'd had since his first ice cream cone. All the while he was twisting and hollering there were five similarly bedecked individuals in the background abusing an assortment of musical instruments in about the loudest and most discordant fashion it has ever been my misfortune to endure. Between the six of 'em they created a bedlam that old Satan could've learned from.

I had already set myself for an hour of TV watching so I left the "special" and went exploring.

On one channel there was an old western that had been re-run so many times you couldn't tell the gullies from the cracks in the film. The good guy shook the heroine's hand and kissed his horse, so you know it was old.

Another channel had a wild bunch of females skating around in circles knocking the daylights out of each other. This was one of the roughest outfits I ever saw. About three platoons of those amazons could've wound up Vietnam four years ago. I never did find out what it was they were all so mad about, or what, if anything, they were supposed to be doing besides fighting. I sure do feel for the poor guys that may be married to any of 'em.

The last channel I tried was featuring one of these "thought-provoking" dramas where the heroine was a thrice-married, alcoholic intellectual who had spent her early childhood whittling (or whistling) chopsticks in a Chinese bowling alley. Her latest marital victim was a one-eyed lawyer who specialized in defending rioters and collecting glass eyes. Each of them had a couple of drug-addicted children by previous marriages and there was undoubtedly a message somewhere in all of this but I didn't hang around to catch it.

I finished the evening with a book and FM radio.

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BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

A FAITH: A WAY OF LIFE

Some years before he died Kipling had a serious illness. At a bad moment in it he was heard murmuring something: It was this:

Now I lay me down to sleep.
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
And if I die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take.

Realizing the deep meaning of this simple prayer, we know that there are times when we face life bare to the core and know that we need a deep faith — something by which to live. To feel that we are not forlorn orphans, lonely fighters, children of a day in a senseless world; but the offspring of a mighty purpose and a loving heart, that we have with us a Father who understands and can and will take care of us — not only in the tragic moments, but in the ordinariness of every day.

Is there an answer to our needs? Something that will really hearten and reassure us? A sure word helps! The conviction of a moral purpose and a program behind life; an institution and a faith shared with others, a whisper of counsel in our ear, unmistakable and challenging, these all help.

But we want more. We want to see it come to life. We want the message personally delivered. We want to see it tried out; lived successfully and radiantly. Masonic principles once delivered are not enough; they must be personally seen in the life of another. One of the great sentences of literature has one to say, "A man shall be as a hiding-place from the winds, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." This is the call from eternity to every man on earth. More especially ought it

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

to be so in the living of each of us who dares to call himself a Mason.

Fierce and unexpected winds often blow upon us; gusts of passion seize us; national crises catch us unaware. There are few hearts that have not had an under-current of anxiety in life, and with it often times a feeling of wonderment about tomorrow as well as about today. Our sorrow and loneliness dry up our hearts and we grow hardened by the years! The strain starts to tell. We are apt to get spent and weary just when we need an overplus of strength and hope.

I know that there is all the greatness of life as well, and that the joys of life are more than the sorrows, as health is more prevalant than sickness. But we so often forget it. We have little certainty, and so we miss the inspiration hidden in life's challenges, for fear it may after all be "a nightmare between two nothings." Somehow the deeps within us are unsatisfied. There is something within us that craves for more than earth's crude things can give. We are restless unless we have rest through a fixed point of deference to Almighty God. This is faith. There is an old legend, and legends often go back to the elemental needs and longings of life, which tells of an invasion from another world for our help. And as the group went off, their mission accomplished, a little child was left behind. None of our language did he know. He was frightened and sought for something and could not tell it. At last they brought him a harp, and after a few tentative touches the music burst forth. It was the song of a heart crying for its lost mother. Such is our cry until we have been made very sure of God. We want Someone to stay the drift, to make us sure that love is ever at our side and can and will help us; Someone to be for us a refuge, a Rock to bear us up and shelter us, to give us hope and refreshment and strength again. It is well to ponder over and over the great question of our embarkation: "In whom do you put your trust?"

As Masons, this at least we are meant to be: those who minister helpfulness in deed and by the very influence of their lives; those who have a conviction and joy in God, to be with us is to be strengthened and inspired; those who refresh others when they are weary, and under whose protection of other weak ones may rest and gather strength and joy. Then one day the great joy may be ours to have it said of us Scottish Rite Masons, "Well, if that is a sample of what a Mason is, I would like to be one; for he has been a hiding place from the wind, a covert from the tempest, a river of water in a parched and arid generation, the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

Brethren, this is for me what Masonry is all about. It is a faith based on a belief in the Supreme Being; It is a Way of Life based on His design for our life. Ever walk and act as such!

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

"The Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club", held its regular meeting Monday night, Feb. 1, 1971, at "Tetterton's Restaurant" where a delicious steak dinner was enjoyed by twelve members present.

Our next meeting will be the first Monday night in March at 7:00 P.M.

This is an age when anything old-fashioned is either sneered at or ignored completely until it becomes a valuable antique. Whether it is outmoded styles in dress or furniture or traditional ideas of education, morality or other phases of living, this generation has no use for the timeworn.

It is unfortunate that in the search for newer and better ways, we often fail to reflect upon the effectiveness of what has gone before and learn from such study. It is even more distressing to see the increasing acceptance of lowered standards.

It is folly to imagine that modern living, with its acknowledged stresses and strains, fears and troubles, demands a freedom from all inhibitions and self-restraint. Surely in these difficult days we need to guard ourselves even more carefully. Perhaps the "anything goes" idea is the hopeless outcome of the frustrating experience of trying to live a godly life without God. Finding this impossible, we give up and become victims of the evil that preys upon misguided minds.

Life has never been easy and never will be. But it is comforting to know that while times and situations and people change, God is still the same, and He is able to keep us from falling.

God's plan for men, revealed through His Son Jesus Christ, has never changed, and men and women today are finding that it works. Christ is still the answer. If there was ever a time when we needed answers to the tragedies, the conflicts, the heartbreaks of life, it is now. And for times like these God is "very now".

But every man must discover this for himself. He must put his life and trust into God's hands, accepting Him and His standards. When this is done God proves Himself to be sufficient for every need.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths".

God is truth, and if the history of the past serve any purpose, if there is value in the remembrance of the experience of our nations founders, the reason must be to bring us back to the point and to the light where we see the truth.

Scottish Rite Masonry teaches us the true meaning of the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

While Masonry stands as a great world-wide institution, and its members are held in high esteem, it also carries with it great responsibility.

It teaches us to elevate the spiritual over the material, and while we see all around us old established institutions changing their principles, Masonry has never bowed to the demands of tyranny, turned its back on history, or modified its moral demands.

As the cold winds of winter, will be seen giving way to the warm winds of spring, we will see the seed that fell in autumn, when everything looked dead, will be swelling with new life, to bring gladness to all that behold.

May we as Scottish Rite Masons, so discharge our responsibility, that we may exemplify in our lives before our Brethren, its great truths, that they may burst forth with new life, bringing gladness and joy to their fellowmen, that all may see the need of the designs, and direction of the "Great God of Truth", and restore this nation to its greatness, when man looked to the "Great Architect of the Universe" as his guide of truth.

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Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting Sunday evening, February 7, at the Beaufort County Law Enforcement Association's club on Tranters Creek, about three miles west of Washington on Highway 33.

A charcoal steak cook-out was enjoyed by twenty-six members with their wives. Each member furnished his own steak but the rest of the meal was furnished by the club and was prepared by Julian Vann and Edward Ray Edwards with their wives. Each member prepared his own steak and the meal was served at six-thirty. Invocation was by Julian Vann.

Ray Alexander, President, presided. After the meal a delightful social hour was enjoyed by all.

While the ladies straightened things, the men gathered for a short business meeting.

Henry Jones presented his guest, William Robert Russell, who is associated with Brother Jones in the watch repair business. The Secretary's minutes and financial report were approved. Ashley Leggett read a short article from The New Age, "White Gloves For The Lady." He suggested that all Masons who have not read The New Age would do well to do so as there is good Masonic reading found therein. He also reminded the club to try and get all of the prospects they could for the upcoming Reunion.

The next meeting of this club will be held at the Washington Masonic Lodge on West Fifth Street, March 7. Fred Hollis and Albert Lassiter with their wives will be repsonsible for the arrangements.

It is very rewarding when someone compliments your efforts. I was in a meeting recently with Bill Spivey and his lovely wife. They were programmed at the Washington Lions club. Bill informed me that he had enjoyed reading my reports from the Beaufort County Scottish Rite club. I assured him that I also enjoyed my visits to the Boys Home at Lake Waccamaw.

Sunday morning as I entered the First United Methodist Church, a very handsome young man was right on my heels. I introduced myself and welcomed him. He said he was Wiley Hill, from Kinston and he had been transferred to Washington. I also noticed his ring and he informed me that he was a thirty-second degree Mason and he was on the thirty-second degree team in New Bern. He also told me that as soon as he knew that he was coming to Washington, he looked up his Bagpipe to reread our article because he wanted to become a member. Yes Sir, it sure makes a fellow feel good.

Ashley G. Leggett

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12:00 P.M. Lunch—Scottish Rite Temple
2:00 P.M. Tour of New Bern's famous 67 points of historic interest
6:30 P.M. Dinner at Temple

Thursday

8:00 A.M. Tour of Camp Lejeune
1:00 P.M. Lunch—Jacksonville, N. C.
3:00 P.M. Theatre Party, Masonic Theatre
5:45 P.M. Dinner at Temple

Chowan County Scottish Rite Club

The Chowan County Scottish Rite Club holds its January meeting on the 29th at the clubhouse on Granville Street.

President Clarence White asked Brother Don Quinton to give the Invocation.

The meal for the night was steak and all the trimmings. It was prepared and served by the Brothers.

We had as our guests Brother Robert Pugh and Clarence Koonce. They traveled up from New Bern to bring us some wonderful thoughts of Masonry. Brother Pugh explained to us about everyone joining together and working even harder for Masonry.

Brother Pugh then pointed out the duties of an Ambassador of a Scottish Rite Club. He then appointed 5 Ambassadors for 1971: West W. Byrum, Leon Bunch, Brad Williford, Clarence White, and William Stallings.

Our visitors had to leave us then for the long trip back to New Bern.

President Clarence White then called for the business of the night, election of officers for 1971. Nominations were open. Nominated were Leon Bunch, President; Wm. Stallings, Vice-President; and Brad Williford, Secretary and Treasurer. These brothers were elected without opposition.

The next meeting was to be decided by the new officers. There being no further business the meeting was closed with a prayer by Brother C. O. Forhand.

A social hour followed.

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The Grifton Scottish Rite Club met for the January meeting at the Grifton V.F.W. Hut on Monday, January 18, 1971 at 7:30 P.M. President Brother Curtis Ward called the meeting to order and Brother J. O. House, Chaplain, gave the invocation.

A delicious steak supper was then enjoyed by the nineteen members present. Brother Chic Johnson received a warm round of applause for his usual fine job

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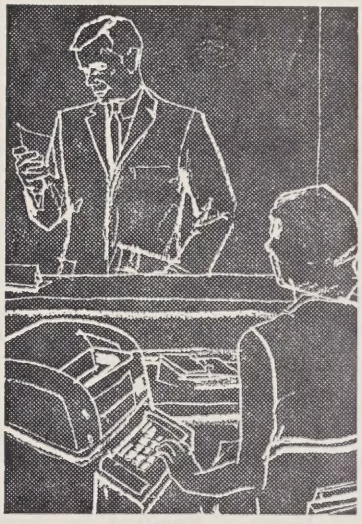

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of preparing the meal.

After the meal had been completed, Brother Bruce Cannon gave his interpretion of what the first degree meant to him. Brother M. C. Batten likewise gave excerpts from the second degree. Both Brothers used Albert Pike's *Morals and Dogma* to good advantage in making their presentation. Brother J. O. House was asked to give his interpretation of the third degree at our next meeting. There being no further business to be attended to we were dismissed in prayer by Brother J. O. House at 8:30 P.M.

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The Grifton Scottish Rite Club met for their February meeting at the Grifton V.F.W. Hut on Monday, February 11, 1971 at 7:30. President Brother Curtis Ward called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Brother J. O. House, Chaplain. Brother Curtis introduced our guests, Brothers Alton Haddock and Bill Ballinger.

After a delicious steak supper had been enjoyed by all, Brother J. O. House gave us all food for thought with his ideas about what the third degree means to him and what it had done for him throughout his life. He further expounded on what it had meant to him following petitioning to have been unanimously accepted to receive the degrees in Masonry. Brother J. O. was given a nice round of applause for his heartfelt talk.

Brother Curtis then asked the brothers to contact all the Scottish Masons we knew in Ayden and invite them to meet with us. There being no further business we were dismissed in prayer by Brother J. O. House at 8:30 P.M. Our next meeting will be held at the Grifton V.F.W. Hut on Monday, March 11, 1971 at 7:30 P.M.

Lewis E. Mumford, Jr., Scribe

New Bern Scottish Rite Club

All the bodies of Masonry were urged at our last reunion to unite into one body and work for the welfare of each other. That unity is an obligation not only to us as Masons but also as Americans.

Our petition for Scottish Rite Masonry requires us to affirm our belief in the Constitution of the United States of America, as well as our intentions to uphold law and order in this land. Never was a time more right for us as a fraternity of brotherly love to proclaim these beliefs.

George Washington, the Father of our Country, as well as an outstanding Mason, found himself in troubled times greatly like these. He met his task with the firm resolution that this should be a great country . . . united under God.

Can we, as followers of his, see that greatness, that unity and that belief in a Supreme Being be trod underfoot? Can we allow those who search only for the easy, self-indulgent way to nullify the character and determination that is the heritage of Masonry?

Brethren, stand tall, united, and speak out for the great tenets of our order. The force thus generated will in action and exerted, as regulated and guided by and acting within the limits of law and order have for its fruits — Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity — liberty regulated by law; equality of rights in the eye of the law; and brotherhood with its duties and obligations as well as its benefits.

C. F. Dickinson, Sr.
Secretary-Treasurer

Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club

On a cold and rainy Monday night, January 25, 1971, at the Southernaire Restaurant in Sneads Ferry, our President, Brother McNair called the Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club to order and asked Brother Dave Brewington to lead our Devotion to Duty.

Brother McNair then directed our attention to the seafood platters then being served to the members and guests. After giving these delicious morsels the attention they deserved, we gave our attention again to Brother Morgan, who announced the April 13, 14 and 15 reunion was dedicated to that venerable Mason and brother Dick Lucas.

Brother McNair then introduced Jack Howard who gave a brief outline of the fight against illegal drug use and in turn introduced Detective Gordon Bradly, senior Detective of the Jacksonville, N. C. Police Department. Detective Bradly gave a very illuminating talk on drug abuse and the use of illegal drugs and narcotics in Onslow County. At the con-

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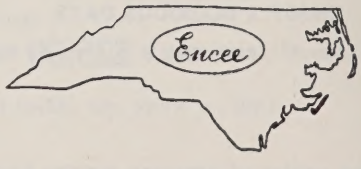

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clusion of his talk Detective Bradly presented a display of the various forms, some of the more prevalent drugs that might be found in this area. He also gave the members and their guests an opportunity to see just what burning marijuana smells like by burning some special prepared substance.

Brother Brewington closed the meeting with prayer and President McNair dismissed us.

Thomas W. McCree, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer

Pitt County Scottish Rite Club

The Pitt County Scottish Rite Club held its first meeting of the new year Wednesday night February 10th at the Three Steers. There were fifteen members present including the officers.

This being the time for the election of officers for the new year, this was the first item of business. The following were elected for the new year: Edward D. Hartsell, 503 Pine St., Greenville, N. C., was elected President; Winton L. Hill, 203 W. Martinsborough Rd., Greenville, N. C. was elected Vice-President; and Edward D. Austin, 1005 Charles St., Greenville, N. C. was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. The next item of business attended to was the appointing of a committee to make plans for a ladies' night and to spread the news of Scottish Rite Masonry in securing candidates to take the degrees at the Spring reunion. From the reports of some of the members, prospects seem bright for a good class of candidates. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 12th, and all the members present were urged to attend and bring with them any prospective candidates that they have.

We are anticipating having a good class of candidates for this reunion. If the members' enthusiasm continues from the meeting to activity in obtaining new candidates, then we will accomplish our goal.

Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club

On Monday night, February 22, 1971, the Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club met with twelve members present. Several items of business were taken up and passed on. First was the election of club officers for 1971. The following were elected to serve as officers for 1971: President, James G. White; Vice-President, R. C. Wilson; Secretary-Treasurer, Harvey M. Spivey; and G. C. Buck was appointed to serve as ex-officio and adviser.

Decision was then made for the Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club to put on their annual Ladies' Night Party sponsored by New Bern Consistory, and the members were all highly in favor of this action. The program for the party was made out and so was the menu; the approved date for the party is April 2, 1971, at the Perquimans High School Cafeteria, and which was approved by the High School Principal and the Secretary of the New Bern Consistory; and from now on, barring no serious complications we shall be looking forward to assembling in the Valley of Hertford at the High School Cafeteria on Friday night, April 2, 1971, D.V.

How to Secure Petitions

It apears that there are many techniques for getting petitions and what has been most effective for one has not been the procedure of another. There seem to be three very simple basics which we would like to pass on to our membership.

First, the business of securing petitions is a year around effect, not a job to try to do just before a class or a reunion. Second, you must have prospects. Who are prospects? They are the newly raised and other Master Masons who have not been approached. Third, we need to make personal contacts, which on a planned basis, seems to be the key to success.

In our immediate jurisdiction there are several thousand Master Masons, not members of the Rite, to whom you can explain the beauties of our Universal Order. Invite them to petition for the degrees, whereby they may enjoy the pleasures and profit by the helpful lessons of the Rite.

Have you a good Masonic friend who is not sharing with you all the splendid privileges and fellowship of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry? Have you asked a Brother Master Mason to join recently? Talk with your friends at once and sign them up for the next Class. You will be doing a service to the Rite and a favor to your friends.

Think Scottish Rite, believe Scottish Rite, live Scottish Rite, and you will build Scottish Rite.

3rd MAW MARINE GETS NAVY CROSS

Brother Robert L. Cover, 32°, and a member of the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies has won a Navy Cross for his heroic actions while serving his country in Vietnam. The following is an article taken from a newspaper in El Toro, Calif.:

"Ignoring his own painful wound, he continued carrying the wounded Marine to the waiting helicopter and then, as his pilot landed on three other occasions to evacuate wounded, he concealed his own wound and leaped from his helicopter to lay down withering cover fire to protect the advance of Marines carrying their wounded to the waiting aircraft."

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Robert L. Cover, now a member of Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 267, was presented the Navy Cross Medal during the monthly 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Awards and retirement parade Wednesday.

Cover was serving as an aerial gunner on March 17, 1969 flying in support of a Marine company heavily engaged in combat with a large North Vietnamese Army force near An Hoa. As his aircraft arrived over the battle site, word was received that the unit had taken heavy casualties from the enemy force.

Despite his efforts in delivering heavy heavy machinegun fire on the enemy positions, Marines on the ground were unable to move to the aid of their comrades. After his pilot elected to land in the area, Sergeant Cover attempted to suppress the enemy fire once again, but with little result.

Dismounting his own weapon to provide cover, he raced thirty meters through the fire swept area to aid a wounded Marine and with the help of a companion, carried him to a waiting helicopter. Before he could reach safety, he was seriously wounded himself.

He is now attached to Marine Light Helicopter Squadron (HML)-267 at Camp Pendelton. Cover received the decoration from Maj. Gen. Robert G. Owens, Jr., commandings general of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

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Dear "Bro. Bob",

Many, many thanks for your kindness.

It is true I am retired on a disability but I have never stopped my Masonic duties as far as I could go. I still do some coaching in the catechism work, and am Master of Lodge this year, "Caswell Brotherhood No. 11", at Yanceyville, N. C. 10 miles from here. As I explained before I am 205 miles north of New Bern and am unable to ever attend the Scottish Rite or Shrine meeting any more.

Was so sorry to see in Bagpipe which your office also so kindly sends me, the deaths of such good men as Bill Moore and "Speedy" Bunting which I read today in the Bagpipe.

Give my regards to all the Brethren and again thanking you so very much, I am

As ever,
Herbert A. Blackwell

Richmond, Va.
1824 Hanover Ave.
February 8, 1971

Mr. Robert L. Pugh, 33°, Secretary
A.& A., Scottish Rite
New Bern, N. C.

My dear Mr. Pugh,

I cannot adequately express my deep and sincere gratitude to you and the N. C. Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation, Inc., for establishing a Perpetual Memorial in that Institution in the name of my beloved husband, Robert B. Williams. He loved his Masonic affiliations and, all of you, over the years.

The knowledge of your abiding love and sympathy have been a great comfort to me during these long lonely days, as I face the future and adjustments I must make.

I thank you for the Lifetime Courtesy Card and shall use it with pride and appreciation as I carry it in my card case.

Please pardon me, Mr. Pugh, for the delay in writing you sooner, but last fall I had to have surgery — I am so thankful I have rocevered satisfactorily — I hope — and am now looking forward to having better health.

As I read and re-read your lovely letter, be assured I shall always treasure your sympathetic understanding spirit so beautifully expressed in behalf of my husband.

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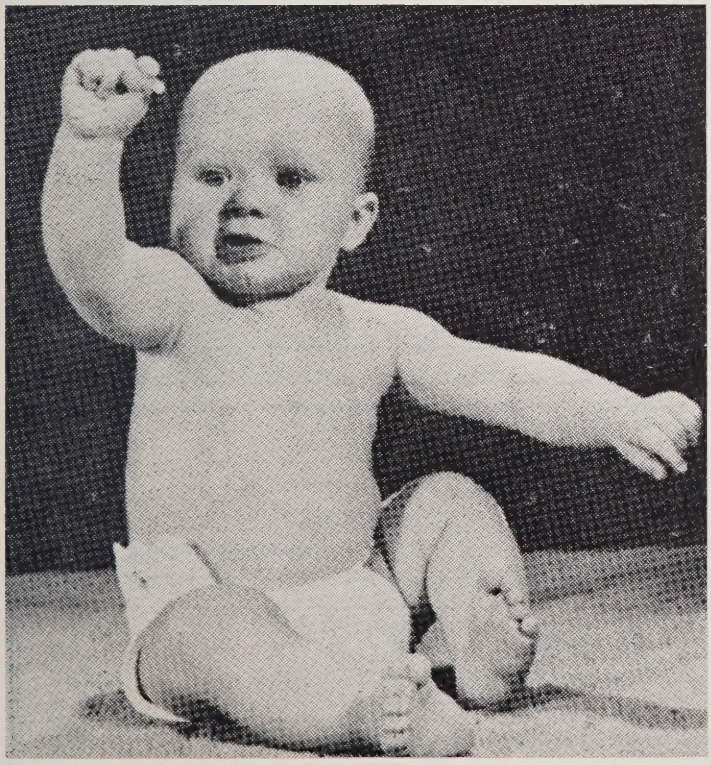
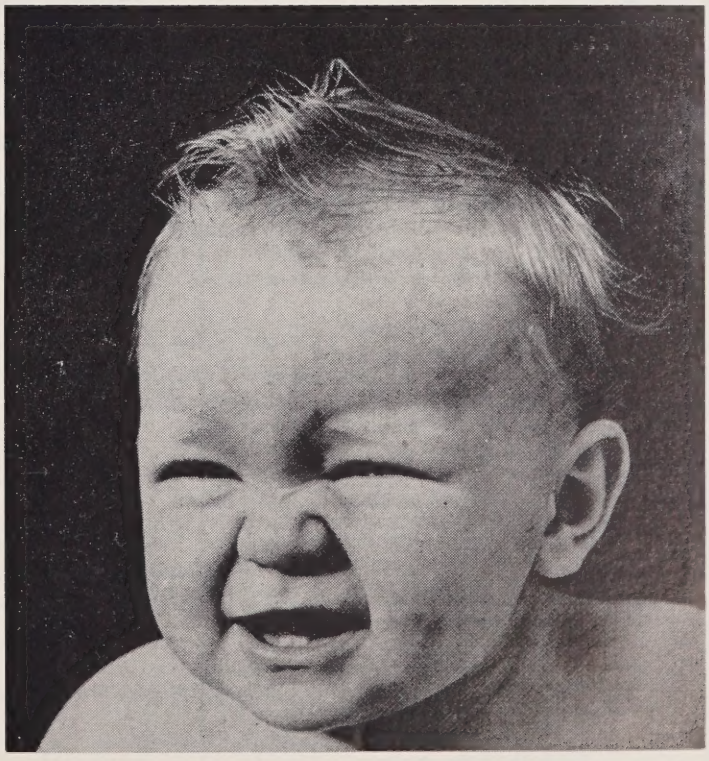


"By George, you've convinced me and I'll sign the petition now."



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In Memoriam

Our memories are precious gifts.
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To comfort us when days are dark,
And eyes are dimmed with tears.
Without them we'd be desolate.
When loved ones slip away.
Possessing them our hearts re-live,
And so — when separation comes,
To bring us bitter loss,
Our memories are precious gifts.
To help bear the cross.

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No. 2. Have you ever held or expressed opinions contrary to the foregoing or been affiliated with any organization which has?..... (Yes or No) If you answer "yes" to this question give particulars.

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Sign.....
(Signature—Full name, no initials)

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